

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1461

**Introduced by Assembly Member Ruskin
(Coauthor: Assembly Member Feuer)**

February 27, 2009

An act to amend Section 8046 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to shorthand reporting.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1461, as introduced, Ruskin. Shorthand reporting.

Existing law provides for the certification and regulation of shorthand reporters by the Court Reporters Board of California and makes a violation of these provisions a crime. Existing law prohibits a shorthand reporting corporation, as defined, from doing or failing to do any act that constitutes unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule or regulation pertaining to shorthand reporters or shorthand reporting.

This bill would additionally prohibit a firm, partnership, sole proprietorship, or other business entity providing or arranging for shorthand reporting services from doing or failing to do any act that constitutes unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule or regulation pertaining to shorthand reporters or shorthand reporting.

By expanding the scope of a crime, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that no reimbursement is required by this act for a specified reason.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8046 of the Business and Professions
2 Code is amended to read:
3 8046. A ~~shorthand-reporting~~ corporation, *firm, partnership,*
4 *sole proprietorship, or other business entity providing or arranging*
5 *for shorthand reporting services* shall not do or fail to do any act
6 the doing of which or the failure to do which would constitute
7 unprofessional conduct under any statute, rule or regulation now
8 or hereafter in effect which pertains to shorthand reporters or
9 shorthand reporting. In conducting its practice ~~it~~ *these entities* shall
10 observe and be bound by such statutes, rules and regulations to
11 the same extent as a person holding a license under this chapter.
12 SEC. 2. No reimbursement is required by this act pursuant to
13 Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California Constitution because
14 the only costs that may be incurred by a local agency or school
15 district will be incurred because this act creates a new crime or
16 infraction, eliminates a crime or infraction, or changes the penalty
17 for a crime or infraction, within the meaning of Section 17556 of
18 the Government Code, or changes the definition of a crime within
19 the meaning of Section 6 of Article XIII B of the California
20 Constitution.

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